

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

DENNIS SHIPMAN ,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

LOGISTICS HEALTH, INC., AND UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 14-cv-651-wmc

Defendants.

Plaintiff Dennis Shipman has filed a proposed civil complaint. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported his request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3,700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff is currently on leave without pay from his employment and has no substantial assets. Plaintiff receives \$925 per month or \$11,100 annually in Social Security disability benefits. Additionally, plaintiff reports that he supports one minor dependent. The court subtracted \$3,700, accounting for the one dependent, from plaintiff's

annual income leaving a balance of \$7,400. Accordingly, plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion filed by plaintiff Dennis Shipman for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees (Dkt. # 2) is GRANTED.
2. No further action will be taken in this case until the court has screened the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Once the screening process is complete, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 29th day of September, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/
PETER OPPENEER
Magistrate Judge